

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

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1. (Currently Amended) An information retrieval service system comprising:  
an information retrieval site connected to the Internet including, said information retrieval site comprising:  
a retrieval server, and  
a retrieval database communicably linked to said retrieval server, wherein  
said retrieval server of said information retrieval site is ~~operative to fetch~~ configured to retrieve from a plurality of information providing sites data representing details of services respectively provided by a plurality of said information providing sites ~~therefrom so as to store,~~  
store the data retrieved from said information providing sites in said retrieval database, ~~and is operative to retrieve from said retrieval database~~ data corresponding to information-retrieval input information, ~~which is inputted~~ received by said information retrieval site from an information terminal, ~~from said retrieval database according to the inputted information, and~~  
transmit said data retrieved from said retrieval database to said information terminal so as to cause a monitor of said information terminal to display said data ~~read by the retrieval~~ retrieved from said retrieval database.

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2. (Currently Amended) The information retrieval service system according to claim 1, wherein  
said retrieval server ~~fetches~~ is configured to retrieve from said information providing sites  
said data representing details of services, ~~which are~~ respectively provided by ~~the plurality of said~~  
information providing sites, ~~therefrom~~ by periodically accessing ~~the plurality of said~~ information  
providing sites.

3. (Currently Amended) The information retrieval service system according to claim 1, wherein  
said data retrieved from said retrieval database includes a hyperlink indicating an Internet  
address of the information providing site providing the data and which is embedded in a data  
image that is displayed on said monitor of said information terminal ~~by the retrieval performed~~  
~~by said retrieval server.~~

4. (Currently Amended) The information retrieval service system according to claim 1, wherein  
said information retrieval site ~~includes~~ further comprises a user registration database ~~for~~  
~~storing~~ configured to store a profile of a ~~preliminarily registered~~ user, and  
said retrieval server ~~retrieves~~ is configured to retrieve the data, ~~which corresponds~~  
corresponding to the information-retrieval input information, according to a the profile of a the  
user, which is read from said user registration database.